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TO THE PUBLIC.

Friends of THE MORNING STAR will do us a favor by informing us of any failure on the part of newsdealers, or newsboys on railroad trains, to meet the public demand for copies of this paper.

OUTLINES.

Three American men-of-war arrived at Para, Brazil, from Rio Janeiro; believed to be the Oregon, Marietta and Nictheroy. —— The confirmation of C. P. Anthony, colored, as postmaster at Scotland Neck, N. C., opposed in the Senate. —— The Pop. State Executive Committee is called to meet in Raleigh Wednesday, with a view to dickering with fusion Democrats to capture the Democratic Convention. —— Spanish threats of a resort to privateering are ridiculed in Washington. —— Jack Daly got a decision over Kid McPharland after fourteen rounds. —— British steamer Ardanmhor, seized while trying to run the blockade into Havana, was brought to Key West; but released by order of Commodore Remey. —— The Navy Department has established thirty signal stations on the coast, extending from Bar Harbor to Galveston, all centering in the Navy Department at Washington. —— It will be five days before the Monterey starts from San Francisco to Manila. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1@1½ per cent.; the last being at 1½ per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 6 7-16c; flour firmly held but quiet; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red $1.61½; corn—spot easy; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., May 23.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 70 deg.; 8 P.M., 73 deg.; maximum, 73 deg.; minimum, 69 deg.; mean, 74 deg.

Rainfall for the day, 00.; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.31 inches.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.

For the twenty-four hours ending at 8 A. M. yesterday:

Slightly cooler and generally partly cloudy weather has prevailed, with moderate showers in nearly all the districts. The weather is cloudy in North Carolina and Texas; elsewhere it is generally clear. The following heavy precipitation (in inches) was reported: Huntsville, Tex., 4.94; San Marcos, Tex., 4.20; Greensboro, N. C., 2.52.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The pressure has risen over the upper Lake region and fallen over the remainder of the country. The centre of low pressure is in South Dakota, while a ridge of high pressure covers the entire Atlantic coast. Cloudy weather prevails in the Gulf and Atlantic States and clear weather in the interior. Moderate showers have fallen in the Middle and North Atlantic coast States and lighter showers in Western North Carolina, Southeast Florida, Georgia and the Middle Gulf. Thunder storms have occurred during the past twelve hours at scattered points in the Southeast and Northwest. The temperature has risen sharply in the upper Mississippi valley, and elsewhere it continues high, with only slight changes noted.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 3 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair; light southerly winds.

Port Almanac---May 24.

Sun Rises	4.48 A. M.
Sun Sets	7.05 P. M.
Day's Length	14 H. 16 M.
High Water at Southport	10.29 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	12.59 P. M.

Alfonso XIII is now in his 13th year. There are two 13's for the little fellow to struggle against.

A broadside from the Indiana costs $6,000. But it costs the ship it is poured into a good deal more than that.

Spain's boy King had his hair cut the other day. This may make it a little more difficult for Don Carlos to take his scalp.

China has sent Mr. Shu Ting to this country to observe army manœuvering and note how our boys do their shooting.

The Indiana's thirteen-inch guns throw a thousand-pound shot twelve miles, and are apt to throw the ship they are thrown at into fits.

A Spanish proverb runs, "Any man will fight at his own gate." But there are not many Spaniards who are jumping the fence to do it.

The Sandwich islands supplied this country with 500,000,000 pounds of sugar last year, and yet there are some statesmen who don't find it easy to swallow Hawaii.

Considering the money that it has cost Spain to conquer Cuba, it would have been money in her pocket to have swapped Cuba for a yellow dog and then killed the dog.

Some remark has been made on the fact that Gen. Gomez hasn't been joyous over the prospect of assistance by the American army. But as Gen. Gomez is 74 years old he can't be expected to be cutting pigeon wings, standing on his head and all that kind of thing to manifest his joy.

A report comes from Washington that the policy of the Administration in reference to the Philippines will be to declare them free and independent and then enter into treaty with the European Powers, guaranteeing that they shall always remain so.

Carl Schurz has no idea of being forgotten if he can prevent it. He has thrown off the harness editorial, and is now devoting himself to the building of his memoirs. They will be of the John Sherman reminiscent style of architecture.

When Philadelphia youngsters get into the notion of marrying there is no use trying to stop them. A youth of seventy-nine and a lassie of eighty gave the old folks the slip the other day, eloped into New Jersey and got married.

The New York *Hearld* says one of the sons of great men appointed by the President to some soft snap in the army, took a recess between drunks long enough to go to the White House and thank the President.

Buffalo Bill has temporarily suspended his Wild West show to take some recreation in Cuba. He will serve as Chief of Scouts on General Miles' staff, that is General Miles and his staff ever strike Cuba.

Sections of Kansas are overrun with jack rabbits. They are overrun with another kind of jacks, too, but they don't spell it rabbits. They are of the middle-of-the-road species, much beard and limber-jawed.

The Latin nations may have some pretty nice warships and all that kind of thing for naval parades, but when it comes to square, layout fighting, the Anglo-Saxon gets there. His genius doesn't run to parade.

Italy grows chestnuts, but the Spanish cabinet is dumping a good many on us these days.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. W. Sanders—N. B.
Thursday—Family excursion.
For Sale—Desirable tract of land.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Rent—Furnished cottage.
J. C. Cartret—Blades sharpened.
Wanted—Stenographer.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— A. G. Ricaud, Esq., returned yesterday from New York.

— Miss Annie Taylor has gone to Fayetteville to visit relatives.

— Mr. T. J. Wilson and daughter returned yesterday from Richmond.

— Mr. J. W. Harrelson, of Clarendon, was a welcome caller at this office yesterday.

— Mr. Fred W. Dick, of the A. C. L. freight and passenger office, spent Sunday with relatives in Lumberton.

— Newbern *Journal:* Capt. J. I. Metts and daughter, Miss Eliza, of Wilmington, are in the city, visiting Miss H. O. Metts, Captain Metts' sister.

— Miss Josephine Worthington, who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Pullan, at Southport, has returned to her home in Caldwell, New Jersey.

— Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, of Long Creek, arrived in the city yesterday. Mr. Wallace is to be engineer on the line of railroad connecting the pier with Carolina Beach.

The Fire Last Night.

The alarm at 11.07 o'clock last night from Box 35 was caused by a small fire at No. 324 North Ninth street, a building owned by John D. Bellamy, Esq., and occupied by J. D. Sellers as a store and dwelling combined. The fire was inside the building and, Mr. Sellers thinks, was of incendiary origin. The damage is estimated at $25.

The confusion in ringing the alarm was the fault of the party who turned in the call. After pressing the lever he continued to bear upon it, preventing the alarm from striking the second number of the alarm.

Killed on the Way to Battle.

Wilmington was shocked beyond expression when news reached here yesterday of the terrible fate that befel some of North Carolina's gallant soldiers near Savannah. The death of Ensign Bagley at Cardenas aroused an intense feeling of sadness; but our people were no less sympathetic over the sudden taking off of private Barbee and the wounding of private Colclough, of the Durham company of volunteers, while on their way to march to battle under their country's flag.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Sprunt cottage on Wrightsville Beach is advertised for rent this morning. It is already furnished and is very desirable.

— A very large congregation went to Southside Baptist Church Sunday night to hear Rev. F. M. Woods, the Alabama evangelist.

— The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry expects to leave for Raleigh to-night at 10.20 o'clock by the Atlantic Coast Line.

— The regular, *bona fide* circulation of THE MORNING STAR is much larger than that of any other daily newspaper published in Wilmington.

— Attention is called to an ad. in the STAR this morning describing a tract of land for sale. It is excellently located and can be bought on very reasonable terms.

— An engine for use at Fort Caswell was placed in a scow and towed down to the fort yesterday morning by the *H. C. Wright*. It came here via the Atlantic Coast Line.

— The steamer *Wilmington* loaded yesterday ten pieces of railroad iron to be used at Carolina Beach in extending the railroad to the Sedgeley Hall Club house. The work will be completed in a few days.

— There will be a grand family excursion to Carolina Beach Thursday. There will be music for dancing, and refreshments will be served at city prices. The committee promises a good time to all who attend.

— Yesterday Maggie Nelson, colored, was bound over to the Criminal Court to answer the charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon Lucy Farriss, colored. A plea of former conviction for disorderly conduct was entered to no avail. The offence was committed last Friday.

— A STAR representative was told yesterday on good authority that the hardware merchants of the city would begin the observance of half-holidays for the Summer and Fall on next Saturday. All but two have already signed, and those two are only holding off to arrange some insignificant details.

— In Justice J. M. McGowan's Court yesterday, Carrie Roberson was taxed with the cost in a case of disorderly conduct against Ed. Swann. The Justice ruled that the prosecution was frivilous. Sue McKoy submitted to charges of disorderly conduct, and Lizzie Lucas and Becky Clarady to assault and battery and disorderly conduct.

Miss Alderman's Entertainment.

The Sunbeam Circle of Miss Alderman's school are rehearsing quite an interesting little play which will be presented at the Opera House on the the evening of June 3rd. It is entitled "Titania or Butterfly Carnival." The proceeds will be given to the Odd Fellow's Orphanage at Goldsboro. For the past three years Miss Alderman has gotten up an event of this character, each having netted creditable sums for the Orphanage. The splendid success of these events in past years is sufficient assurance of the thorough pleasurableness of the one for which they are now practicing.

Slightly Incorrect.

The STAR was slightly misinformed in its account of the accident Sunday afternoon in which Mr. D. T. Peterson got his collar-bone broken. It was not Mr. B. H. J. Ahrens's conveyance he was passing when the accident occurred. In fact, Mr. Peterson does not know who it was he passed. Messrs. Ed. Ahrens and Earle St. John, however, were at the first toll house, and as stated in yesterday's paper, took the injured man up and brought him to the city. Mr. Peterson was able to be out yesterday, but was suffering considerably from his injuries.

Runaway Yesterday Morning.

A pair ot horses attached to a furniture wagon belonging to Mr. H. L. Fennell was left standing near the corner of Fourth and Mulberry streets yesterday morning. They decided to come to the stables and came in a run by way of Fourth and Princess. At the stables they brought up rather suddenly and one of the horses was thrown down, but sustained only slight injuries. A buggy standing in front of the stables was smashed up badly; but this was the extent of the damage.

It Was the C. F. X. Company.

Dr. Geo. F. Lucas, of Currie, was a caller at this office yesterday. He reminds the STAR of a mistake in a communication of his which appeared in Sunday's paper. It is the C. F. X. Company particularly that Dr. Lucas was referring to as having given such excellent service to the growers along the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad. Dr. Lucas is enthusiastic in his praise of the C. F. X. Company and its popular representative, Mr. A. S. Maynard.

Officer Kuhl's Sons.

Officer H. Kuhl had a son, Sergeant C. L. Kuhl, on the colliding trains at Burrough's Station yesterday, and he hopes that he was among those not injured. Officer Kuhl has also just received a letter from his son, Mr. H. R. Kuhl, on board the *Morrill*, at Key West. He reports that the crew are all in good spirits.

On account of the Republican Congressional Convention, Rockingham, N. C., May 24th, the Seaboard Air Line will sell round trip tickets to the above point at $5.45, for the round trip, tickets on sale May 23rd and 24th, final limit May 27th, 1898.

THE GRADED SCHOOLS

"Cinderella in Fairyland," an Entertainment Given by the Pupils.

THE PLAYERS IN COSTUME.

Handsomely Presented and Appropriately Staged with Rustic Scenery—A Testimonial of Esteem Presented to Prof. Noble at the Close.

The first of the three entertainments which are to mark the closing of the Wilmington graded schools was held last night in the spacious hall at Union School. And was thoroughly successful in every detail, as was evidenced by the enthusiastic hand-clapping which succeeded each feature.

The evening was devoted entirely to the presentation of an operetta entitled "Cinderella in Fairyland," by Marion Loder. Miss Cook, Miss Parmele, Miss Alderman, Miss Eliza Meares, Miss Struthers and Miss Payne, talented teachers in the school, were in charge, and the admirable deportment of the large company of little ladies and gentlemen who interpreted the many and difficult characters so well, was a high testimonial to the ability and success of the faculty as instructors as well as the native talent possessed by the children.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, as superintendent of the schools, appropriately welcomed the audience and introduced the play. The first scene was Prince Sunshine's Invitation to a May-day Ball. This, as well as the other three scenes, was appropriately staged with rustic scenery, and the little players were attired in costumes in every way suited to the occasion.

Master Willie Gore, as Robin Red, proclaimed the invitation for "ye blossoms one and all" to attend a grand May-day ball given by Sunshine, Prince of Spring. There was a joyous response on the part of the happy Blossoms. And then the perplexing question of "what shall we wear?" with all its attendant anxieties and jealousies, in which little Miss Mary Black, as Daisy; Rena Mills, as Sweet Brier; Misses Hopie Barnes and Minnie Wescott—proud sisters—Tiger Lily and Hollyhock, were possibly the most prominent characters.

The next scene was an admirable presentation of a May-day ball and each lovely attendant was gracefully presented, by Robin Red, to Master Frank Harriss, as Prince Sunshine, who graciously welcomed them. The figures in the dancing which followed were beautiful, the grace of the participants combining with the rich costumes in the creation of a truly Fairyland scene. The arrival of Daisy (little Miss Black) and her bevy of Butterfly attendants was quite a sensation. Later the rain drops came upon the scene and scatte red the merry-makers. Then followed the finding of the slipper left by Daisy as she fled from the ball and the, for a time, vain attempt of the Prince and his attendant to find its lovely owner, and the final royal welcome of Daisy as Princess of Sunbeam Castle.

Limited space will not admit of as particular notice as very many of the features of the little play deserve. But reference must be made to little Miss Sadie Booker, who danced several figures alone during the May-day ball. Her grace and activity were truly remarkable, and several and persistent encores attested the delight of the audience.

The quantities of lovely paper flowers which were used in costuming the "Blossoms" and others of the players, were made by Mrs. Booker, of this city.

The following are the names of the young people who participated in the play and the characters they represented: Master Frank Harriss, *Prince Sunshine;* Master Willie Gore, *Robin Red;* Master Glen Turner, *Bonnie Bee;* Miss Ethel Sebrell, *Mother Nature.*

Blossoms—Mary Black, Daisy; Hopie Barnes, Tiger Lily; Minnie Wescott, Hollyhock (Proud Sisters); Ethel Mathews, Jonquil; Rena Mills, Sweet Brier; Ida Poezolt, Mignonette; Nora Bowers, Pansy; Daisy Burbank, Buttercup; Lizzie Kirkham, Violet; Julia Worth, Narcissus; Ethel Hopkins, Daffodil; Annie Harper, Poppy; Atha Hicks, Lilly-bell; Bertha Steljes, Sweet Peas.

Rose family—Viola Bear, Nora Pickett, Eslie Risley and Lucy McIntire.

Pink family—Pearl McIntee, Isabel Belden, Lois Toomer and Amoret Wootten.

Butterflies—Roy Solomon, Katie Fleet, Beulah Anderson, Gracie Craig, Sadie Booker, Bessie Watters, Nannie Watters, Virginia Bailey, Christine Stevenson, Annie Walker, Lucile Riley, Mary Riley, Mary Wescott and Nellie Reaves.

Raindrops—Tom Blake, Jack Watters, Geo. Brown, Harry Allen, Clem Brown, John Welch, Irwin Burruss and Charlie Davis.

Sunbeams—David Struthers, Sidney McMillan, Louis Orrell, Earl Crosswell, Rufus Hicks, Louis Poisson, Leon Jewell and Fleet Williams.

After the presentation of the operetta, Master Will Gore came forward and in a very appropriate little speech presented to Superintendent M. C. S. Noble a handsome silver pitcher as a token of esteem from the faculty of Union school. Prof. Noble responded in quite a feeling and appreciative manner, assuring the donors that the present would ever be to him a reminder of his best friends, those to whom he owed much for what he had accomplished in life.

The closing exercises of Hemenway school will be held to-night.

THE TROOPS AT RALEIGH.

Wilmington Company in Fine Shape—Some of the Boys Make Complaint About the Fare.

Col. W. J. Woodward returned yesterday from Charlotte, where he went last week to attend the Confederate reunion. He came back by way of Guilford College to visit his daughter, who is attending school there.

Col. Woodward was in Raleigh Sunday when the First regiment left for Tampa. He said the men went off cheering and singing, but there was a good deal of sadness about the occasion for all that.

Col. Woodward, of course, did not forego the opportunity of going to see the Wilmington company, which he reports to be in fine shape. About the fare the boys are getting, a subject that has been commented on a good deal in Wilmington, it is judged from what Col. Woodward said that it is as good as can be expected, considering the fact that all the preparations have been of the "rush" kind. Good wholesome biscuits, Col. Woodward says, the boys do not get, and when he had cooked and sent to them a quantity of fresh hot ones they were highly delighted.

Many reports from the members of the Wilmington company show that either the men are not getting good fare, or they have not learned what good soldier's fare is. Some of them are used to luxuries at home, and naturally find it difficult to accustom themselves to the plain fare that is a necessity where so many have to be fed. Let this be as it may, some of the boys complain heavily. One of them writes that the bill of fare for breakfast is muddy coffee, burnt liver and hard bread; and dinner and supper are no better.

CHARTER APPLIED FOR.

Articles of Incorporation for the Wilmington Colored Institute—The Incorporators.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with Col. Jno. D. Taylor, as Clerk of the Superior Court, for what is to be known as "The Wilmington Colored Educational Institute." Application will be made at once to the Secretary of State at Raleigh for a charter. The incorporators are Thos. Rivera, Sr., Joseph Mitchell, John T. Norwood, Aaron Kellogg, Marsh Walker, William Kellogg and Andrew Walker. The articles of incorporation set forth that the purpose of the corporation is the establishment of schools in Wilmington for the education of colored children. The schools are to be without discrimination as to denomination. The incorporation is for thirty years and provision is made that they can own real and personal property and sue and be sued as other corporations, the incorporators not being personally liable for the debts of the corporation.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

The Trick-Lock Man Taken to Wilson for Trial.

John Coleman, the colored man who was put in jail last week for working the "trick lock," was last night carried to Wilson on the charge of highway robbery. Policeman J. H. Marshbourn of that town came after him yesterday morning.

Coleman had been tried and bound over to court and the authorities refused to let him go without an order from Solicitor M. C. Richardson, of Clinton, for his release. This Officer Marshbourn obtained by wire in time to leave on the 7.15 train.

Coleman is charged with stealing a watch from Mr. J. J. Best, of Wilson, who was here Saturday to see if the man who was arrested for working the "trick lock" was the one who relieved him of his watch. The watch was snatched from Mr. Best's pocket some time ago, as he was standing by a moving train upon which Coleman was standing.

Y. M. C. A. Camp Work.

A good many Wilmington people will be interested in the fact that Secretary Frank Mahan, of the Charlotte Y. M. C. A., has gone to Tampa, Fla., to take charge of the International Y. M. C. A. tent opened there. The STAR referred several days ago to a general movement by the young Men's Christian Association looking to the establishment of tents in all the camps of the United States army. Secretary Diggs said yesterday that the work was now well organized and proving remarkably successful. As many as 2,000 letters are written frequently in one of these tents during a single day and the effectiveness of the religious work is in excess of the expectation of many of the most enthusiastic advocates of the movement.

The Colored Troops.

Capt. A. J. Walker's company of colored troops held a meeting last night in the Mayor's office at the City Hall. There was a fair attendance and some enthusiasm.

Capt. Walker told his men that he had official instructions to hold his company in readiness to move on short notice. He said that he thought it quite probable that the company would be called on this week.

The company has now eighty-seven men enrolled. It will meet for drill Thursday night at Fourth and Nixon streets.

— Miss Sallie A. Wilson, of Richmond, is the guest of Miss Mary E. Daniel, of this city.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

The Populist State Central Committee Called to Meet on Wednesday.

TO DICKER WITH FUSIONISTS.

An Understanding Alleged to Exist Between the Committee and Certain Democrats—Happenings at the Military Encampment.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 20.

A telegram has just been received here from the First N. C. regiment stating that a head-on collision occurred at Burroughs, Fla., and that Barbee of the Durham company was instantly killed and McCullough of the same company mortally wounded.

Another severe electric storm visited Raleigh last night and this morning, though the damage was nothing like that done by the storm a week ago. Mr. Rowan Rogers lost two splendid mules by lightning.

The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry informs General Cowles that it has the required number of men and will reach here to-morrow night. The boys who wore the gray are extremely popular in Raleigh, and will receive a glad welcome.

The Second regiment will be mustered in as a whole Tuesday, in all probability. There is no doubt about the organization of the regiment, and the man in Washington who put out that fake story about its disorganization should be made to retract. It is asserted by some that a certain army officer here originated the fake. The matter should be investigated.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Cyrus Thompson, chairman of the Populist Executive Committee, calls the State Central Committee to meet here Wednesday. The meeting is for the purpose of dickering with the Democrats. It is said there is an understanding between the committee and certain fusion Democrats to capture the Democratic convention.

Wayne and Craven counties are against fusion.

W. H. Brooks, of Greensboro, is appointed assistant surgeon of the Second regiment.

Lieutenant Cowan, of the Wilmington company, has gone to Fort Macon with Lieutenant Marshall, of the U. S. army, to assist in arranging the camp for the negro battalion.

A wad from a blank cartridge struck private Hardy, of Wilmington, on the head, causing it to bleed freely, but he is not much hurt.

A band of twenty-four pieces has been secured from Scranton, Pa., for the Second regiment, and will arrive to-morrow.

Arthur Watson, of Lenoir county, has brain-fever and is not expected to live through the night.

DELIGHTED WITH HIS TRIP.

Mr. P. Heinsberger Talks Enthusiastically of the Charlotte Celebration.

Mr. P. Heinsberger returned yesterday from Charlotte, where he went to attend the May 20th celebration. While there he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Davis, and judging from enthusiastic references to his stay in Charlotte he must have been royally entertained, and is thoroughly delighted with the great celebration.

He stayed in Charlotte over Sunday and saw the First regiment pass through en route for Tampa, Fla. They were met there by a very large concourse of people. Mr. Heinsberger had the pleasure of meeting and shaking hands with First Sergeant Albert G. Prempert, a former Wilmington boy, who is now a member of Company A.

Others who returned from Charlotte yesterday were Col. F. W. Kerchner and Capt. A. D. Brown.

TO BE GIVEN JUNE FIRST.

Wilmington Musical Association Preparing For Their Grand Musical Festival.

The Musical Festival by the Wilmington Musical Association will be held on the evening of Wednesday June 1st. This decision was reached last night during the regular weekly rehearsal which was well attended and highly satisfactory. The details as to the programme are not yet complete, but are sufficiently advanced to announce that the first part will consist of solo, chorus and quartette work while the second part will consist of the most choice portions of the famous "Stabat Mater."

The festival is to be held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. More definite announcements as to the programme will be made later in the STAR.

Attached a Piano.

The Y. M. C. A. management is leaving no stone unturned in their effort to secure themselves against a loss by reason of the failure of the May Musical Festival Company to fill their recent engagement in this city. There is an indebtedness of at least $75 or $100, the burden of which must either fall upon the Association or the May Festival Company. Attachment papers have been taken out against a fine new piano which was shipped here a few days ago consigned to the May Festival Company. It was from Boston and was to have been used in the concerts last week. The Management at Washington has been notified but no reply received.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure promp and regular delivery.

BLADEN AND ROBESON.

Both Solid Against Fusion—Republican Congressional Convention—Dockery Probably the Nominee.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

MAXTON, N. C., May 23.—Bladen and Robeson counties will be solid against fusion.

The Republican Congressional Convention at Rockingham to-morrow promises to be an inharmonious affair. "Uncle Bob" Croom was aboard the train this afternoon, with his Congressional boomlet snugly stowed away in a small hand-satchel which he guarded with jealous care. Dr. R. M. Norment, goldbug Republican candidate, boarded the train at Lumberton. Indications point to the nomination of O. H. Dockery, Sr., and that this will be followed up with a strong effort to secure Populist endorsement. Jupiter Tonans Howe, Editor Manly and T. A. Watson are en route to Rockingham, claiming to represent New Hanover, where no county convention has been held.

W. H. B.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Grand Family Excursion

By Frauen Verein to Carolina Beach.

THURSDAY, MAY 26TH. Music for Dancing. Refreshments served.
Committee:—M. G. Tiencken, C. Schulken, C. Mahler, H. Fortmann, M. Schnibben, G. H. Heyer.
Boat leaves 9.30 A. M., 3 P. M. and 7.30 P. M. Last boat returning to the city 9.30 P. M.
my 23 1t

Blue Ridge Springs The Favorite Summer Resort of the Virginia Mountains. Twenty-six consecutive seasons under the management of PHIL. F. BROWN.
my 22 2m

Boy Wanted
To Feed Job Presses at the STAR OFFICE.
my 22 3t

N. B. Peaches.
Table Peaches.
No. 1 Peeled Peaches.
Only a small quantity of
White Peaches in Syrup,
10 Cents a Can.
S. W. SANDERS,
my 17 tf AT THE UNLUCKY CORNER.

FOR SALE
Desirable Tract of Land
Situated on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad.

Three miles south of Jacksonville, N. C., contains 813 acres, of which 200 are cleared and will grow corn, cotton, peanuts and rice. Strawberries and four varieties of blackberries grow on it spontaneously. Soil also excellent for tobacco and potatoes.
The remaining 613 acres are well timbered with pine, ash, oak, hickory and juniper. Eight to ten thousand juniper poles can be cut from the wooded portion now.
Plantation bounded by navigable water for one and one-half miles. On the banks of the stream are reeds upon which one hundred cattle can feed themselves through the winter. TITLE IS CLEAR.
For further information, address THE MORNING STAR, Wilmington, N. C.
my 23 tf

ROASTED COFFEE.
25 Cases Roasted Coffee.
90 Bags Green Coffee.
10 Boxes Tea.
25 Pic-Nic Cheese.
10 12-lb. Tubs G. E. Butter.
75 Boxes Penny Candy.
50 Pails Mixed Candy.
15 Tubs Broken Candy.
90 Boxes Plain Candy.
W. B. COOPER,
my 22 tf Wholesale Grocer, Wilmington, N. C.

KAINIT! KAINIT!!
Only a Small Lot Left That We Are Offering at
Cost for Cash.
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Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants
my 15 tf Nos. 5 & 7 South Water street.

We Bought a Very Large Stock of
PIANOS
Before the Advance.
War always advances prices.
We offer our immense stock of Pianos at reduced rates. Take advantage of the situation and buy now. We offer a bargain on a fine
"Sohmer Piano,"
only used six weeks, the parties having removed from the city.
New Pianos From $175 Upwards.
Cabinet Organs
in great variety at lowest prices.
E. VAN LAER,
403 and 404 North Fourth Street.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Fresh Supply of All Kinds of Duttenhofer's and Mundell's
FINE SHOES
JUST RECEIVED.
Look in Our Show Window.
We invite the Ladies especially to try these Shoes.
We keep at the same old place, 63½ steps east from corner of Front and Princess streets.
MERCER & EVANS.
ap 17 tf

BOTTOM FACTS
In the Maine investigation make startling News.
The bottom facts in connection with our hard ware stock reveal the largest assortment and lowest prices for quality to be found anywhere. Everything comprised in the term of "Hard ware," all of the best quality and marked at prices admitting of no argument. Dealers can here find the best source of supply for their wants.
Purchases delivered at depots without expense, and patron's interest carefully looked after.
OUR PENINSULAR STEEL RANGES must be seen to be appreciated, and it will be a pleasure for us to show you their construction and management. A fine and varied line of Cooking and Heating Stoves constantly on hand at low down prices. Try us and we will convince you.
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ON AND AFTER MONDAY, MAY 16, 1898, the following schedule will be in effect over the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad:
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H. C. CRAFT, Superintendent.
my 16 tf

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 24, 1898

"EMPIRE CAN WAIT."

We do not often agree with Hon. Thos. B. Reed, but when in writing about the annexation of Hawaii he used the expression "empire can wait" he uttered a rock-bottom truth, and more than that, a truth that is full of sense. From a commercial standpoint we believe the annexation of Hawaii would be a good thing, provided it came with the consent of its people, so that they wouldn't have to be kept in by force after they came in; otherwise it wouldn't be annexation, but something bordering on conquest.

The Philippine question was not up when Mr. Reed gave utterance to the declaration quoted, but it is more applicable to that than it is to Hawaii, for annexation would be with the consent of at least that portion of the population which controls the Government, while in the case of the Philippines it is a pure matter of conquest, in which the consent of the people does not figure at all. Hence it would be extending empire by force. This Government is not prepared for a departure of that kind, for it is foreign to the fundamental spirit of our institutions, in which the consent of the governed is regarded as an essential element of the exercise of power and of the allegiance of the governed.

If we succeed in making conquest of the Philippines and the inhabitants signified their willingness to acknowledge allegiance to this country, even then holding them would be a matter of very questionable wisdom. It might not be for a monarchical government with a strong standing army and navy, with nothing in the spirit of its organization opposed to the forced acquisition of territory; but ours is not a monarchical government; we have neither a large standing army or navy and taking territory by force of arms and incorporating it as a part of our territory is contrary to our practice and to the fundamental principles of our Government. Whether we have the power, we cannot consistently do anything that governments of a different kind may do, which act upon the principle that might is right and the power to do a sufficient justification for doing.

But there is another kind of empire which cannot wait long and will become a necessity, unless we wish to see ourselves crowded out of the great East, for the trade of which European Governments are now extending their empire, and by very bold methods, too, and without half the justification we have for pouncing on to the Philippines. We must either plan to hold our own against these rival nations, which in revalry with each other would also crowd us out, or consent to be crowded out and surrender the field to them. If we expect to extend our trade on that side of the globe we must be able to compete with other nations, and also to protect and defend that trade if necessary. To compete with other nations we must have harbors and resting places for our ships in time of peace and in time of war. This war, as young as it is, has demonstrated this. There isn't a harbor in the Pacific, except in the Sandwich islands, where our warships could feel at home and secure coal and munitions of war, and these islands are midway in a seven-thousand mile ocean.

We ought to have a harbor of our own in Porto Rico; we ought to have a canal through the isthmus; we ought to have a harbor of our own not simply by permission but by absolute ownership in Hawaii and another in the Philippines, and then we would be pretty well fixed to extend our trade and protect our interests on that side of the globe. This is not extending empire; it is simply taking level-headed, common sense precautions to protect ourselves and our legitimate interests on the side of the earth that contains more than one half of the world's population. It is either that or be crowded out and surrender the field to the European nations which are planning and working for it.

European Governments have divided the great continent of Africa up amongst them. They are now dividing China up in the same way, and the probabilities are that within a decade China will be as absolutely in the power of European Governments as Africa now is. The United States could have found pretexts for the acquisition of territory in Africa or China just as well as European nations did, but they didn't do it, for they were not seeking to extend empire in that land-grabbing way; on the contrary this land-grabbing spirit was condemned by the universal sentiment of the people of this country. There is more justification, it is true, for this Government seizing those islands, but can we hold them without being inconsistent with our practice and our declarations?

There was an insurrection in Cuba. That caused the war in which we are now engaged. Before engaging in the war we assured the world in the declaration of war that we had no intention of seizing and holding Cuba, but would vacate it as soon as peace came and order was restored. The Philippines were on the other side of the globe. They belonged to Spain. There was an insurrection there, and what better reason can be assigned for holding the Philippines after peace is restored than there would be for holding Cuba? The Philippines were not mentioned simply because on account of their remoteness they did not attract the same attention that Cuba did, but if they had been mentioned the same declaration that covered Cuba would have embraced them. This Government would have been pledged against extending empire over them and all we could do would be to turn them over to their own people after peace and order had been restored. To be consistent and honest that is precisely what this Government must do if the islands be wrested from Spain, of which there is little doubt. As to the Philipines "empire can wait" and must wait.

WORSE THAN FOLLY.

Our Raleigh special published Sunday morning says the Wake County Democratic convention declared by a vote of 171 to 17 for "a union of all silver forces." Whether this means fusion on the Marion Butler basis or not isn't clear, but as far as the State is concerned we do not see how any other "union of the silver forces" is to be effected. The Butler faction of the Populist party lays down the terms on which it will "co-operate" with "any party or a faction of a party," the terms being that the Populist party is to be conceded all the offices, State and national, which it now holds—a matter of spoils pure and simple.

On the same day the Wake county convention met, the Johnston county Democratic convention met and unqualifiedly and emphatically denounced fusion. The sentiment against it was unanimous. The Johnston county Democracy is in accord with the Democracy of this section of the State and as far as we can gather from the reports of meetings and conventions in other sections in accord with the Democracy of the State, which will not endorse or even seriously consider Marion Butler's dickering, degrading proposition, which is open to "any party or faction of a party," which will accept it.

Possibly there may be in Raleigh and elsewhere, as stated in our Raleigh letter a few days ago, some "politicians" who would join hands with the Butler faction on its terms, but these "politicians" do not reflect the sentiments of the masses of the Democracy who see more in politics than the spoils of office, and believe that parties exist for something more than the offices that are to be voted for. They believe that there is such things as principle, party integrity and self-respect which should not be bartered for little offices nor for big offices, and if the "politicians" should by some hocus-pocus succeed in forcing that kind of thing on them they will be heard from in thunderous tones from one end of North Carolina to the other.

There are wheel-horses of the Democracy who for a generation have been working in season and out of season, always at the front and always ready and proud to carry the party banner, who will not submit to this degradation, and there are thousands of as good Democrats as ever cast a ballot who will stand with them, not in rebellion, but against the betrayal of the party and against its debasement, against a surrender of 150,000 Democrats to a possible 15,000 Butler-Russell Populists, and all for a few offices.

To fight with spirit and win victory there must be cohesion and enthusiasm in the ranks of a party, the fighters must feel that they are fighting for something more than a deal by which a few men would secure offices if the deal succeeded; but how could the rank and file of the party be enthusiastic when they would feel it in their bones and all through them that their votes were being bartered for the benefit of Marion Butler & Co., and that they were being practically led by Marion Butler, and that they were expected to endorse Marion Butler and Daniel L. Russell as patriots and statesmen and representative North Carolinians?

The rank and file of the Democracy of North Carolina do not want any of that kind of thing, and they will not have it. The leaders or "politicians" who are in sympathy with the rank and file and have as much respect for it as they should have, don't want it either, and will not have it. If that proposition should get before the convention it should be consigned to the rubbish heap with as little ceremony and as much celerity as possible.

MINOR MENTION.

There is not much reliance to be placed on the dispatches published from day to day in reference to the contemplated movements by the military directors in Washington or Madrid. They seem to be playing to deceive each other, and of course the public which attaches much importance to the reports sent out as to what the respective Governments are about to do or the plans in view, will be deceived. These numerous and varied reports about the movements of Spanish squadrons have become old chestnuts. The fact is the Spanish Government is simply playing to kill time, hoping that something may happen to let Spain out of this scrape, with her anatomy less damaged than it will be if the war goes on, for every day it is continued makes her that much the weaker and that much the less able to resist. There isn't a sensible man in Spain who does not feel that she is doomed to defeat, and that her only hope is in the friendly mediation of other Powers, which may save her from utter overthrow. According to a Madrid dispatch to the London *Mail* the cabinet is "waiting for results from Admiral Cervera before deciding as to the orders for the second squadron." The only result so far are that he has succeeded in dodging the American squadron, and making it a mystery what he came for. This is the squadron which was to come over here and pepper the cities on the Atlantic coast. As showing that the Spanish cabinet looks for defeat, and places its only hope on intervention by other Powers, Senor Capdepon, the new Minister of the Interior, is quoted as saying:

"Spain prefers a possible defeat to a certain disgrace. Ministers know that the moral sympathies of the powers are with Spain, and that, while hesitating to undertake the responsibility for action which might lead to a greater war, they may eventually intervene from motives of self-interest and public policy on behalf of Spain."

And that is about the size of it, utter defeat without friendly intervention. They are fighting to kill time, although they kill a good many Spaniards in doing it.

A big iron mill in San Francisco has closed up because it couldn't compete with the Eastern mills. It didn't occur to the San Francisco mill men to try to get some legislation through Congress to protect them against this Eastern competition, as that New England Congressman tried to do to protect his cotton mill constituents from the competition of Southern mills. What kind of protection is it that doesn't protect all 'round.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— There is neither patriotism nor common sense in the clamor for immediate invasion of Cuba. The government is in the hands of true and intelligent officials and they are preparing to bring the war to a successful issue just as fast as they can. Let the yawpers who know little about anything and nothing about war shut their big, ugly mouths.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— There seems to be no foundation for the report that Japan intended to protest against American seizure of the Philippines. In fact, none of the threatening Powers has filed a protest against any of our operations; but the reports that they intended to do so may have been put forward as feelers. If so, the Powers have doubtless noticed that Uncle Sam, to use the popular phrase, "doesn't scare worth a cent."—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

—— It is not doing justice to our brave volunteers to send them to the field with political brigadier generals to command them. Until the government shall have exhausted the supply of veterans and of young men trained to the profession of arms it should not look elsewhere for captains, colonels or generals. Soldiers who loose their lives for the sake of their country are entitled to be led by soldiers, and not by apprentices.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— It is reported that the action of the monitors did not fulfill expectations in the so-called bombardment of the San Juan fortifications. The heavy sea swell caused them trouble and prohibited any degree of accuracy in aiming. This fact is of great significance, for more interest will attach both here and abroad to the behavior in action of these peculiarly American fighting craft than to the vessels of other types, whose capabilities are tolerably well understood.—*Philadelphia Press, Rep.*

The greater includes the less. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, and may be depended upon to cure boils and pimples. †

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TWINKLINGS.

— "Blusher is the most bashful man I ever knew." "How on earth, then, did he come to get married?" "He was too bashful to refuse."

— She—"Why does a man feel rich when he's riding in a hansom?" He—"Because he hasn't paid the driver yet, I suppose."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Greene—"You don't mean to say you tell your wife everything you do?" Gray—"Hardly that. But I tell her a great many things I don't do."—*Boston Transcript.*

— An Expert Mathematician: Jimmy—"My big brother is in the highest class. He is away over in the end of the arithmetic." Tommy—"What's he doin'?" Jimmy—"He's doin' Cuban root."—*Puck.*

— "What's the latest?" eagerly inquired the man with the flag on the lapel of his coat, who had just come up. "No game—rain," answered one of the men standing near the bulletin board.

— Sandy McQuirck (to a porter who had been about ten minutes looking after his luggage)—"Mon, I conseeder yo've been varra obligin' Will you tak a pench o' snuff?"—*Tit-Bits.*

— One of the New Proprietors—"Shall we put out a sign, "This place has changed hands?" The Other New Proprietor— "No. It hasn't changed hands We have all the old help, haven't we? Hang out a sigh that it has changed heads."

— Citizen—"Mr. Greatmann, I heard a curious debate the other evening. The subject was: 'Can a politician be a Christion?' What's your opinion?" Mr. Greatmann (local statesman,—"He kin, but he'll get licked."—*New York Weekly.*

— "I likes to see er man take interest in de country," said Uncle Eben. "But I kain't approve ob 'is neglectin' 'is own 'tater patch while he worries 'bout whut we gwineter do wif dem Philippine Islands."—*Washington Star.*

—"Pa," said Mollie, "didn't the Puritans suffer dreadfully from the cold during the first winter here?" "Yes, darling. You see, fuel was scarce—". "Why didn't they burn some of that furniture then? They brought enough over with 'em to burn half of it without missing any."—*Harper's Bazaar.*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Warrenton *Record:* Mr. W. K. Williams told us this week that he would have to plough up and plant over fifty acres of his cotton crop on account of a bad stand. There is a general complaint all over the country of a bad stand of cotton.

— Goldsboro *Argus:* The *Argus* is pained to chronicle this afternoon the death of one of Wayne county's oldest and most esteemed citizens, Mr. Needham B. Stevens. His death occurred Friday afternoon, at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Jno. A. Tolar, in Grantham township, where he had gone but a few days ago on a visit. —— The death of Mrs. Abbie Grantham, mother of ex Sheriff Grantham and wife of the late Hiram Grantham, occurred at the home of hers on Mr. Gideon Grantham, on Thursday in the seventy-six year of her age. —— The machine shops of Messrs. Dewey Bros., in this city have recently turned out a bran new tram way engine for the Enterprise Land and Improvement Company, at Hope Mills N. C The engine was manufactured out and out by Messrs. Dewey Bros.

— Carthage *Blade:* Deputy Marshal William Richardson, in company with Deputy Collector Troy and Messrs. J. K. McDonald and M. D. McIver made a raid near Spout Springs, Cumberland county, this week and destroyed two stills and about 2,000 gallons of beer. An ox and cart was seized at the place where the stills were discovered. —— Deputy Marshal William Richardson arrested Rufe Williamson Saturday night on a capias issued by the United States Court for illicit distilling and brought him here and placed him in jail. Williamson is a son-in-law of John L. Davis, the moonshiner" who was sentenced to the Ohio penitentiary about three years ago for illicit distilling. He was present at the time Davis was captured, but made his escape and has been dodging the officers ever since.

Mixed English.

American and English tourists who visited Ischl, in Austria, recently were confronted with the following notice on a signboard over the door of one of the hostelries of the place, "To the gentlemans Englanders and Americaners, here you become asses." Upon inquiry it was learned that the purport of the singular sign was that the proprietor of the place had donkeys to let which were used for excursions into the neighboring mountains. A much traveled cobbler, who professed to be able to master the English language, was responsible for the unique wording of the sign. He had translated the German sentence, "An die Herren Englander und Amerikaner, hier bekommt ihr Esel," the latter four words meaning "here you can hire asses."

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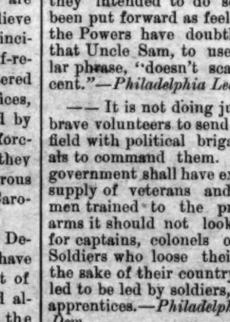

MR. R. C. PHELPS, the leading pension attorney of Belfast, N. Y., writes: "I was discharged from the army on account of ill health, and suffered from heart trouble ever since. I frequently had fainting and smothering spells. My form was bent as a man of 80. I constantly wore an overcoat, even in summer, for fear of taking cold. I could not attend to my business. My rest was broken by severe pains about the heart and left shoulder. Three years ago I commenced using Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, notwithstanding I had used so much patent medicine and taken drugs from doctors for years without being helped. Dr. Miles' Heart Cure restored me to health. It is truly a wonderful medicine and it affords me much pleasure to recommend this remedy to everyone."

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NATURAL COSMETICS.

A List of Vegetable Products Good For Teeth and Complexion.

Almonds are very soothing to the skin, and many foreign women use crushed almonds instead of soap for their face and hands to keep them fair, soft and white. Oil of almonds also may be rubbed into the skin at night and is better than cold cream, especially if really pure oil of almonds, and not a mere imitation. As for the so called almond soap it is very rare that the almond has any part in it. It somewhat resembles almond in its odor, but this odor comes from benzole, which is taken from tar oil and other substances not injurious to the skin, but not so beneficial as real almond powder, a "nut quantity" of which forms a paste in the water and is a splendid beautifier.

Basil, though not a cosmetic plant, is a skin beautifier because it purifies the air wherever it grows, and pure air is a skin beautifier. In India this plant is sacred to Krishna and is named after the nymph beloved by Krishna. It was he, in fact, who changed her into the plant. It is also sacred to Vishnu, and necklets and rosaries are made of its stalks and roots. No Hindoo house is without it. It absorbs the carbonic acid of the air and gives forth its disinfecting, vivifying oxygen.

Benzoin is a genuine cosmetic of nature. It is the gum of the benzoin tree. The best benzoin comes from Siam. It is the frankincense of the Jews and the incense of Roman Catholics, Hindoos, Buddhists, Mohammedans, etc. The Chinese fumigate their houses with it, and, owing to its grateful perfume, vanilla pomade and pastilles are made with it. As a cosmetic it has no superior. A few drops added to water makes what is called "virginal milk," which, used as a lotion, keeps the skin wondrously soft and fair and prevents premature wrinkles. Cedar wood in powder or as a tincture is excellent for the teeth and imparts an agreeable perfume to the breath.

Citron is another substance that can be used with advantage to the face and hands instead of soap. No toilet table, indeed, ought to be without it, and if the fingers and nails are well rubbed in a quarter of citron every time the hands are washed they will never require the manicure's aid. During the day, indeed, it is better to rub the hands with citron than to use water.

Cucumber is another of nature's own cosmetics. Never throw away cucumber peelings. Boil them and use the water for the toilet. Here also a slice of cucumber may be used instead of soap, with advantage to the skin. Dill water is as good as rosewater for the complexion, and for some skins perhaps better. It makes the skin paler.

Still another of nature's cosmetics is the elder flower, famous for its cooling qualities. It makes an exquisite wash for the face and an excellent oil for the hair.

Lavender is not precisely a cosmetic, yet a few drops in the toilet water are very refreshing. The hygienic virtues of lavender are well known.

All spices are air purifiers and air coolers. It is a fact that very few epidemics visit places filled with the perfumes of spices—cloves, mace, cinnamon, etc. A room perfumed with spices and eucalyptus remains cool on the hottest summer day and defies disease resulting from impure air.

There is no better antiseptic in nature than musk—real musk, of course. The Chinese use it also to dye their hair and eyebrows.—Philadelphia Press.

MODERN NEWSPAPERS.

There Are No Prejudices In the Way of the New Journalist.

The new journalist has no prejudices that interfere with his business ends. The founder of his school was the first man to make an absolutely nonpartisan paper, and the successful men I talked with declared that the best way commercially to make an editorial page was to turn it over to some man with mind and character who would direct its policy independently and in good faith in the interests of the community as a whole, regardless of parties, cliques, advertisers or any other interests, however powerful. But while this is being done the business man who proposes to conduct the enterprise would have an equally independent news department, and, having the most intelligent readers to begin with, he would broaden the news policy from their point of view, spending as much as sensationalism costs for more important, better written news. In short, the commercial ideal contains distinct appreciation of the power of opinion, but it prizes just as highly the value of the authoritative statement of all the news.

"There's not room for many such newspapers, bnt that's the kind that would live and pay forever," said my new commercial journalist.—J. Lincoln Steffens in Scribner's.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and side, no appetite—gradually growing weaker. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for one dozen bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neigbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which it is unequalled. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY. †

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The Cooking of Game Birds.

Most game birds and animals, because of a life of ceaseless activity, do not take on fat, and such should be larded or cooked with slices of bacon or salt pork placed on them. Do not serve birds with heads on and undrawn, as is quite generally practiced, the latter point being a relic of savagery, the former an offense to sensitive nerves. It is pleasanter to enjoy a bit of choice flesh without being so forcibly reminded that we are eating dead birds. This is not the only instance where realism is inartistic.—Woman's Home Companion.

Scared.

"Have you caught that murderer yet?"

"No," replied the detective. "We haven't caught him, but we've got him so scared he doesn't dare show himself when we're around." Washington Star.

Hood's Pills

Stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure biliousness, headache, dizziness, sour stomach, constipation, etc. Price 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Some Queer Wills.

Here is the rhyming will:

I, John of Gaunt,
Do give and grant
Unto Roger Burgoyne
And the heir of his loin
All Sutton and Potton
Until the world's rotten.

There appears to be in the vast collection only one instance of a will in shorthand. It is that of the Rev. Hugh Worthington of Highbury Place, Islington. On being transcribed it reads:

NORTHAMPTON SQUARE, June 16, 1813.

I, Hugh Worthington, give and bequeath to my dear Eliza Price, who is my adopted child, all I do or may possess, real and personal, to be at her sole and entire disposal, and I do appoint William Kent, Esq., of London Wall, my respected friend, with the said Eliza Price to execute this my last will and testament.

HUGH WORTHINGTON.

In a memorandum inclosed in an accompanying box and addressed to his wife the reverend testator says, "I do know you will perfect yourself in shorthand for my sake."—Strand Magazine.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from the first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Large bottles 50c. and $1.00. †

Whooping Cough.

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. MOORE, South Burgettstown, Pa. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

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Wholesale Prices Current.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6½@	@	7¼
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	6½@	@	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6½
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 30
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks		@	53
Virginia Meal		@	53
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	80	@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½@	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	12 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel		@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 35	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	5 00
Choice		@	6 00
Straight		@	6 65
First Patent		@	7 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½@	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	56
Car load, in bags—White		@	55
Oats, from store		@	42½
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	85
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	12
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1¾@	@	3
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	6	@	8
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 35
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	16 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 40	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 50	@	12 50
Rump		@	12 00
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	32
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	70
Lisbon		@	
American		@	70
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	3 25
Cypress Sage	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	2½@	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	2 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x26 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 60	@	1 60
North Carolina	1 60	@	1 60
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, May 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

ROSIN.—Market dull at 95 cents per bbl for Strained and $1.00 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1.10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at $1.25 per barrel for Hard, $1.70 for Dip, and $1.80 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine steady, 25, 24½c; rosin firm, $1.25, $1.30; tar firm, $1.05; crude turpentine firm, $1.30, $1.80, $1.90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	121
Rosin	371
Tar	125
Crude Turpentine	80

Receipts same day last year.—89 casks spirits turpentine, 565 bbls rosin, 207 bbls tar, 38 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 9-16	cts.	℔ lb.
Good Ordinary	4⅞	"	"
Low Middling	5 9-16	"	"
Middling	6	"	"
Good Middling	6¼	"	"

Same day last year, middling 7½c.

Receipts—37 bales; same day last year, 5.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 55@57½ cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $2.50 to $6.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Money on call was easy at 1@1½ per cent., the last being at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange firm; actual business in bankers' bills 486½@486¾ for demand; 483¼@488 for sixty days. Posted rates 484½ and 487½. Commercial bills 482½@483. Silver certificates 57⅜@58¼. Bar silver 57½. Mexican dollars 45¼. Government bonds weak; U.S. new 4's, registered 121½@122½; do. coupon, 121½@122½; U. S. 4's 108@109; do. coupon, 109¼@111; U. S. 2's, 95; U. S. 5's, registered 110¼@111½; do. 5's, coupon, 110¼@111½. State bonds dull; N. C. 6's 122½; 4's 105.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Rosin steady; Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, May 23.—Spirits turpentine firm at 26c; no sales. Rosin firm; no sales; prices unchanged.

SAVANNAH, May 23.—Spirits turpentine firm at 27¼c; sales 305 casks; receipts 1,398 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 680 barrels; receipts 3,467 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The cotton market was slow but generally firm on a scarcity of sellers following conflicting crop accounts and pending advices from expected naval engagements. Shorts were the best buyers. Private cables claim that the apathy in the English cotton market is largely due to misgivings as to the outcome of the threatened sea fights. The volume of business is our market is small, footing up only 95,400 bales for the day, with the market finally steady at a net advance of 6 to 9 points.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Cotton quiet; middling 6 7-16c.

Cotton futures closed steady; sales of 98,400 bales at prices: May 6.40c, June 6.41c, July 6.45c, August 6.50c, September 6.38c, October 6.38c, November 6.37c, December 6.39c, January 6.42c.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 6 7-16c; middling gulf 6 11-16c; sales 1,100 bales.

Net receipts 356 bales; gross receipts — bales; exports to Great Britain 859 bales; exports to France 781 bales; exports to the Continent 14,576 bales; sales 1,100 bales; stock 149,641 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 7,484 bales; exports to Great Britain 7,440 bales; exports to France 781 bales; exports to the Continent 1,671 bales; stock 506,644 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 15,168 bales; exports to Great Britain 25,610 bales; exports to France 781

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Wilmer McLean's Two Historic Houses.

General Horace Porter describes the surrender of Lee in his "Campaigning With Grant" in The Century. The surrender took place in the house of Wilmer McLean, it will be remembered. General Porter says: It is a singular historical coincidence that McLean's former home was upon a Virginia farm near the battleground of the first Bull Run, and his house was used for a time as the headquarters of General Beauregard. When it was found that this fight was so popular that it was given an encore and a second battle of Bull Run was fought the next year on the same ground, Mr. McLean became convinced that the place was altogether lacking in repose, and, to avoid the active theater of war, he removed to the quiet village of Appomattox, only to find himself again surrounded by contending armies. Thus the first and last scenes of the war drama in Virginia were enacted upon his property.

The Spanish Main.

The Spanish main is the circular bank of islands forming the northern and eastern boundaries of the Caribbean sea, beginning at Mosquito and including Jamaica, Santo Domingo, the Leeward islands and the Windward islands, with the coast of Venezuela, in South America. The word "main" has no affinity with the English word as in mainland, but comes from the Spanish word manea, shackles, given in reference to the imaginary resemblance of the broken chain of islands to that (in early days) familiar article.—Boston Transcript.

Disappointed.

Gertie—Marie is awfully angry at that young Tutter.

Mertie—What for? Did she find out he was flirting with her?

Gertie—No. She thought that he was flirting, but learned that he was not.—Brooklyn Life.

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Rose to the Occasion.

The story of a young woman who wound up her letter to a friend with, "P. S.—I forgot to tell you I was married," is matched, says the London Telegraph. Miss Kate —— of Belfast recently consented to adopt the name of a gentleman friend, and so they were married. She is in Dublin now and is stopping at the Gresham hotel. The other day she made some purchases, and in going home she said, "You may send them home for me—Miss Kate ——, Gresham hotel."

She had reached the sidewalk before she recollected that she had given her maiden name. With admirable wit she stepped back and said to the clerk, "Oh, by the way, send that package to Miss Kate ——, care of Mrs. ——, Gresham hotel," and she swept out of the store as if she had been married 15 years.

Swordswomen Abroad.

Some day it will be the woman of foreign countries who will defend their nation's honor after the French-Italian style recently witnessed. Women of the upper classes in France and Spain are generally expert swordswomen. They are taught to fence as carefully and accurately as their brothers, and there are numerous schools in the two countries where young women are taught not only to fence, but to handle the broadsword.

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THE "WATCHES OF THE NIGHT."

When come the hours for sleeping
In the "watches of the night"
And the soul in restful keeping
Awakes in lone affright,
From dreams or nervous ailings,
Of spirit fear and dread,
Of mortal griefs and failings,
Of heart and hand and head,

Brave troops of fevered minions
Appear to the restless brain,
Winged on wild and reckless pinions
Come and go and come again,
And the air is rife with fancies
Of varied form and sight
Till broad morning's light advances
On the "watches of the night."

Then the garish gnomes of terror
Fold their wings and droop adown,
Fleeing from fields of error,
When the day god lifts his crown.
Then the mists of nightly horrors
Flee before the morning light,
And reason surcease borrows
From the "watches of the night."
—Clark W. Bryan in Good Housekeeping.

HOW HE WON HER.

The poor tutor was alone with her, and, though it was in the days when men fought hard battles even against their own kinsmen if they thought it was for the right, his heart throbbed just as the tutor's heart might throb today, with the difference that he had not learned to count its beats, as our enamored youth, 200 years wiser, have learned to do in a self controlled manner eminently conducive to the steadying of that obstreperous organ.

What mattered the great insurrection, the cruelties of Judge Jeffries, and a fugitive patron with a price upon his head when love had sought shelter in his heart, and she to whom he had built a shrine was just as far away from him as the width of the table?

Of what consequence that she was the Lady Gertrude, the daughter of a noble conspirator, and he but a tutor without land or wealth? So he continued his story, looking at his book as if he were reading therefrom.

"And the poor man loved the rich lady, and he dared not tell her of his love, lest she would scorn him."

"Then surely he was fearful at a nothing, which, methinks, means he was a coward, Master Humphrey."

"A coward, if 'twere cowardly to fear the anger of his lady"—

"Why should he expect such anger?"

"He had naught to offer her but his love."

"Love were wealth enough, but I am tired of your story. 'Tis not so good as you are wont to tell, Master Humphrey, and 'tis our last lesson," she added very gently.

"You will not miss the lessons?"

"No, not my lessons, only the stories. I have loved some of them." And she moved restlessly in her seat, as if she would say more, yet could not find the words.

"But surely my father should be here even now," she murmured at last.

The poor tutor turned pale. "You will go with him to Holland?" he said.

"It would be too great a risk to accompany him, but I follow tomorrow if all succeeds as we have planned. Ah, if they should take him! They have killed the duke. Why are they not satisfied? Poor Monmouth!"

"They will not take him!"

"Now, at the last moment, I am terrified lest things should not go well. Look at the time! He may be here at any moment. Indeed he should be here now!"

Then Lady Gertrude rose hastily and stood, tall even as the young tutor by her side, with a look of eager impatience on her fair face.

"Not yet come, I think," said he. "To cross the marshes on foot needs indeed an hour."

So they stood irresolute, each with heart for one another and thoughts for the absent fugitive.

"There are learned men in Holland, I am told," stammered the young man irrelevantly.

"It is so rumored; yet, not more than that, there would still be room for another, I am sure, Master Humphrey."

Which pretty speech nigh overpowered the equanimity of Master Humphrey and threw him into a discourteous silence like enough to pique his noble pupil, who, indeed, felt she had made too bold and had lacked in modesty, since he would vouchsafe no answer.

"Continue your story, sir," she said, with marked coldness. "I have no mind for lessons just now."

"There is no more to tell, my lady," he said.

"Then' tis a poor story."

"'Twas a poor man."

"With a poor spirit."

"Nay, do not challenge him, for he hath an idea 'twere better to be poor spirited than false hearted."

"Why should he be either?"

"Were it not a mean thing to harass an unprotected lady and false to betray the trust of her noble parent, his patron, when he was absent risking his life for his country?"

"To harass her would be wrong, sir; to betray a trust a worse wrong. Yet I cannot see that, if he loved the lady well, he would be doing either of these things."

"Madam, were I, your humble tutor, the poor man, would you still so reason?"

"Were you that man, Master Humphrey, I could but be sorry for the lady."

"'Tis a fair answer. I crave your pardon. Shall we continue the translation?"

"Were you the man, in truth I should be sorry for the lady to have so inconsistent a lover."

"Inconsistent, madam?"

"Who will make you love, wherever he may find a ready listener, though in covert language that saves him from a declaration. Pray, Master Humphrey, if it be as you declare, that you are this man, convey my sympathies to the lady."

Now the tutor rose in wrath and would have gone his way—for without doubt his mistress was making sport of him—but the sound of faint footsteps from behind the paneled wall arrested his attention, and he stood still, considering whether 'twere best to go or stay.

"It is my father," said the girl, aware that he alone knew the secret passage.

Then Master Humphrey saw a look of joyful relief rise to her pretty face, and he remembered how brave she had been, how good and noble and fair she was and how miserable a worm was he, and so lifted his head in the pride of humiliation, as humble minded folk are wont to do, in such manner that the Lady Gertrude found him as beautiful and arrogant as a king, for all his shabby clothes and slight stature.

"I may not see you again. He will cross today—I tomorrow," she said in sudden haste.

"God be with you," answered the tutor, and he bowed low.

The fugitive noble stood in the shadow of the opening paneling, and the Lady Gertrude, full of apprehension that he should stay too long, strained an ear to catch any ominous sounds from without and drank in eagerly the detailed plans he slowly explained of his own escape to Holland and her journey thither on the morrow by another route.

When he ended, there was a little silence between them, as with those whose hearts are too full to speak. It was speedily broken, however, by a loud ringing of the great bell, which reverberated from the deserted courtyard below through the house. The girl hastened to the casement of the window and looked quickly out.

"There are armed men," she said. "They have traced you here."

"Wary hounds!" he murmured, with a look of grim humor. "To the hole, but not within. Twenty minutes and I shall be beyond the most cunning ferret's scent. God be with you, little daughter. Keep them dallying there awhile. Remember tomorrow at Ballam bridge, by nightfall."

The panel fell back, and the Lady Gertrude sat down to her books and made much pretense of mumbling to herself as the old doorkeeper, scare stricken and panting, tumbled into the room with an officer of the king's service at his heels. "Soldiers!" said he.

"Ah, good Oliver, what is their will?" said she, not deigning to raise her eyes from her book.

"No harm to so fair a hostess," exclaimed the intruder.

Whereupon the Lady Gertrude slowly lifted her pretty head and scanned the uncomely countenance and fat proportions of the officer with much deliberation.

"Should fairness diminish harm, sir, 'twere a pity there were no more of the quality among his majesty's servants."

"A truce, fair one, to a war of words. I am here to crave your hospitality while waiting for the presence of one who, I am informed, purposes to visit his daughter between the time of noon and midnight. You start! 'Tis now hardly noon. We demand to know in the king's name at what precise hour that interview is to take place.

"'Twere well, madam, to save that pretty head, for those who willfully harbor the treacherous Monmouth's followers can receive no clemency from his most gracious majesty, King James. Their life is the forfeit, man or woman."

"Sir," said Lady Gertrude after some moments of seeming fearful deliberation, "I await my lord, my father, here within an hour from now, and may God curse you for a coward!"

The fat soldier grinned. The lady's bark was not loud enough, but her bite was, indeed, most easily averted with a threatening whip, as was the way with women. So he sat his broad person down and did all that which he thought would beguile so pretty a shrew from her fretful humor.

Full three-quarters of an hour thus passed, when news was brought by a breathless soldier that the Earl of W—— had boarded a frigate not 15 minutes since and, as was related in all seriousness, had doffed his hat in acknowledgment of the fiery salute from shore.

Whereupon the fat soldier got up in a fearful rage and kicked and swore as only a gentleman soldier knows well how to do, and snarled aloud that nothing should save the cunning jade from the lively fate of Mistress Gaunt, who, indeed, was burned to death for a lesser misdemeanor.

But the Lady Gertrude lifted up her proud head and said:

"Even so I shall deem my father's life most cheaply bought, sir."

And she walked out between the file of armed men, who, indeed, were sorry for so brave and fair a creature, taken thus roughly a prisoner.

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The poor tutor sat over his books in the upper room of a small dwelling house and wrestled with his thoughts till he knew not which was conscience and which the devil most plaguing him, for the Lady Gertrude had said that love was wealth, yet his rooms betrayed no signs thereof.

He had a little piece of land not far away, from which he acquired a small income, yet with all these things he could in nowise be counted rich.

Indeed, no, thought he, when hurried footsteps upon the stair became confused with his wandering fancies, and ere he had time to weigh the matter Lady Gertrude stood before him.

And then something of a sweet shyness came over her, so that all in a great hurry she set to explaining how she had been taken prisoner by the irate colonel and how, indeed, she had escaped through the help of a cousin among the officers, who, she avowed, had once cared greatly for her.

Then the boy and girl, for they were not much else, looked into one another's eyes, as they had looked these many past days during the lessons he had set out to teach her. And now there was no table between them, so that he knelt down, and taking both her little white hands in his he covered them with humble kisses, the which the lady seemed to have no desire to resent.

"So, after all, Master Humphrey, you must needs take care of your pupil still a little while longer. Tomorrow at Ballam bridge at nightfall there will be those waiting to conduct me to Holland, where, I think, sir, you told me you had a mind to follow in search of further learning. Yet till then I must remain a prisoner here for fear of my very life," laughed she.

Now, hardly had she spoke than a clamor without sent the blood from his cheek and fear at last into the dauntless eyes of the Lady Gertrude.

"Quick! Within!" said he and thrust open the door of the narrow chamber and closed it upon her. Then the steady tramp of men's feet echoed upon the winding stair.

"In the king's name," said a tall officer as he entered the room, followed by several men at arms. There was a strange look in his eyes as he met the tutor's gaze, and he faltered in his speech while repeating the common formula.

"There is no one here," answered the student deliberately.

"It is necessary the place should be searched," replied the officer, "and I must warn you that if the prisoner is found your life will be forfeited without trial as a traitor harboring those in conspiracy against his majesty's crown."

"There is no one here," repeated the tutor.

"Search," said the officer. He had grown pale as the poor youth, who bent with seeming indifference over his books and clung closer to his chair as the men approached the little door, which opened suddenly from within, as a beautiful youth in a velvet suit, with fine lace ruffs and a mass of brown, curly hair, falling negligently about his shoulders, such as was then the fashion to affect, confronted the officer.

"What noisy matter is this?" said he haughtily. "Is there no place even for students who, loyal to his majesty, claim but the quiet of their chambers to pursue the books which tell of mightier deeds than those of the internal wars of a discontented people?"

Now a look of humor crept into the officer's eyes as he bowed perhaps lower than was necessary to so young and haughty a youth.

"I am grieved to so disturb you, sir," said he. "We have been misinformed, for apparently the lady we seek is not here." And he turned upon his feet and departed with his men from the lowly roof of the poor tutor.

"Master Humphrey," said the beautiful youth, and his face was crimson even as the skies after the sun hath set, "you risked being hanged on high, Master Humphrey, for me." And there were tears in his eyes.

Then, indeed, did nearly all Master Humphrey's fortitude depart. "Lad, 'twere but a paltry thing to risk," said he and bowed his head as one ashamed, and within himself he thought:

"Now, indeed, I cannot woo her, for 'twould be the way of a coward to thus force advantage of a maid's gratitude."

But the while he was pondering she stole up to him, and he knew not how it happened, but he wooed her just the same.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Wool Finds.

Some wool sorters in a Vermont woolen mill the other day found a long, strangely braided whiplash in wool that had come from Africa. Among other things sometimes found in wool are pocketknives, whole suits of clothing, money of different denominations, shears, pieces of iron and stone, the latter evidently being placed in the sack to deceive the buyer as to weight. Some years ago a quantity of big stones was found tied within the fleeces, increasing the gross weight by half.—New York Tribune.

Concerning Experience.

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Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:40 p. m., Richmond 8:50 p. m., Portsmouth 8:45 p. m. leaves Weldon 11:26 p. m., Raleigh 2:16 a. m., Sanford 3:33 a. m., Hamlet 5:07 a. m., Rockingham 5:32 a. m., Wadesboro 6:52 a. m., Monroe 8:43 a. m., Charlotte 7:50 a. m., Lincolnton 10:20 a. m., Shelby 11:15 a. m., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:13 p. m., Atlanta 2:50 p. m.

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Leave Fayetteville Junction	11 12 "
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Leave Climax	2 29 "
Arrive Greensboro	3 00 "
Leave Greensboro	3 10 "
Leave Stokesdale	3 58 "
Leave Walnut Cove	4 29 "
Leave Rural Hall	4 57 "
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Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave tokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 13 P. M
Leave Climax	12 43 "
Leave Sanford	2 35 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 50 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 53 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 05 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 10 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4. DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	7 55 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 08 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 27 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	4 48 "
Leave Red Springs	5 30 "
Arrive Maxton	6 12 "
Leave Maxton	6 17 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex Sunday
Leave Madison	12 30 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 15 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 30 "
Leave Greensboro	3 00 "
Leave Climax	3 50 "
Arrive Ramseur	5 30 "

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.46 a. m., Warsaw 11.14 a. m., Goldsboro 12:08 a. m., Wilson 12:49 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:30 p. m., Tarboro 2:31 p. m., Weldon 3:35 p. m., Petersburg 5.34 p. m., Richmond 6:40 p. m., Norfolk 5.55 p. m., Washington 11:30 p. m., Baltimore 1:03 a. m., Philadelphia 3:50 a. m., New York 6:53 a. m., †Boston 3:00 p. m.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8:55 p. m., Warsaw 9:10 p. m., Goldsboro 10:10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 6:45 a. m., Rocky Mount 11:57 p. m., Weldon 1:48 a. m., †Norfolk 10:15 a. m., Petersburg 3:14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m., Baltimore 9:02 a. m., Philadelphia 11:25 a. m., New York 2.03 p. m., Boston 9:00 p. m.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4:13 p. m., Newbern 5:40 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 85—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4:56 p. m., Chadbourn 5:28 p. m., Marion 6:34 p. m., Florence 7:15 p. m., Sumter 9:32 p. m., Columbia 10:50 p. m., Denmark 8:12 a. m., Augusta 7:55 a. m., Macon 11:15 a. m., Atlanta 12:35 p. m., Charleston 10:50 p. m., Savannah 1:50 a. m., Jacksonville 7:30 a. m., St. Augustine 10:30 a. m., Tampa 6:05 p. m.

ARRIALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.40 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 12 night, New York 9:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:09 p. m., Baltimore 2:25 p. m., Washington 3:46 p. m., Richmond 7:30 p. m., Petersburg 8:12 p. m., †Norfolk 2:20 p. m., Weldon 9:43 p. m., †Tarboro 6:00 p m., Rocky Mount 5:40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6:22 a. m., Goldsboro 7:01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8:05 a. m.

DAILY except Sunday 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:09 p. m., Baltimore 2:25 p. m., Washington 3:46 p. m., Richmond 7:30 p. m., Petersburg 8:12 p. m., †Norfolk 2:20 p. m., Weldon 9:43 p. m., †Tarboro 6:00 p m., Rocky Mount 5:40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6:22 a. m., Goldsboro 7:01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8:05 a. m.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9:00 a. m., Jacksonville 10:26 a. m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.20 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8:10 a. m., Sanford 3:07 p. m., Jacksonville 8:00 p. m., Savannah 1:45 a. m., Charleston 6:33 a. m., Columbia 5.45 a. m., Atlanta 7:50 a. m., Macon 9:00 a. m., Augusta 2:30 p. m., Denmark 4:17 p. m., Sumter 6:06 a. m., Florence 8:53 a. m., Marion 9:34 a. m., Chadbourn 10:30 a m., Lake Waccamaw 11:09 p. m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4:15 p. m., Halifax 4:30 p. m.; arrive Scotland Neck 5:20 p. m., Greenville 6:37 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m.; arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:53 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

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Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5:30 p. m.; Sunday, 4:15 p. m.; arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m. and 6:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m.; arrive Tarboro 10:05 a. m. and 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7:10 a. m.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8:30 a. m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9:00 a. m.; arrive Goldsboro 10:25 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p. m.; arrives Nashville 5.05 p. m., spring Hope 5.30 p. m. Returning, leaves

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 24, 1898

DEBATES IN CONGRESS.

The War Revenue Measure Under Discussion in the Senate—Army Bills Passed by the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—For five hours to-day the Senate had the war revenue measure under discussion. The entire time was occupied by Senator Chilton of Texas, Democrat, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican, and Senator Turley of Tennessee, Democrat. While Senator Lodge confined himself to a discussion of the proposed tax on corporations and bank deposits, strongly urging that such taxes be not imposed, Senator Chilton and Senator Turley covered pretty fully the general features of the bill. Their speeches dealt comprehensively with the theories of taxation and were, therefore, in the very nature of things legal and technical dissertations upon the subject. No action of any kind was taken upon the bill.

At the request of the War Department, a bill was passed admitting to American register the steamer Zelandia. The vessel which belonged to the Oceanic Steamship Company and was under the Hawaiian flag, has been chartered to convey troops to Manila. The steamer is British built.

The Senate at 9.15 P.M. went into executive session and at 6.30 P. M. adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day passed the Senate bill providing for the payment of volunteers from their enrollment, and authorizing the Secretary of War to pay troops embarking for Manila one month in advance.

The Senate bill providing that officers of the regular army who may be made staff officers in the volunteer service shall not vacate their offices in the regular army, was called up by Mr. Hull, Iowa. The bill was amended so as to include army officers appointed to the volunteer engineer corps, and was then passed.

The rest of the day was devoted to legislation affecting the District of Columbia.

At 5.27 P. M. the House adjourned.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The Treasury Department Formulating Regulations for a System of Customs Tariff.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, May 23.—In anticipation] of the occupation of the Philippine islands by the military and naval forces of the United States the Treasury Department has already begun the formulation of regulations, and a scheme of customs tariffs will be collected by the military authorities and turned in to the treasury of the United States as a "military contribution." That the President has authority to collect the Philippine revenues under existing conditions is not a matter of doubt.

The tariff rates now being prepared by the Treasury Department will closely follow the Spanish customs laws in force in the Philippines. Just what revenue they produced is not known, but the assumption is, that inasmuch as the home government realized from them last year approximately nine million dollars, the actual amount collected was $18,000,000. The government will assume control of the revenues as soon as the principal seaports are in our possession and will continue to control them at least until Congress takes specific action in the case or until peace has been declared between the two countries.

THE BATTLESHIP OREGON.

Three American Men-of-War Arrived Yesterday at Para, Brazil, from Rio Janeiro.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, May 23.—Lloyd's agent at Para, Brazil, under to-day's date, cables that three American men-of-war arrived there at 9 o'clock this morning from Rio Janeiro.

[The only American warships known to be on their way north from Rio Janeiro are the Oregon, the Marietta and the Nictheroy. The Oregon was last reported officially by Lloyds at Bahia, Brazil, on May 9th, and she is believed to have proceeded at midnight the same day. The distance from Bahia to Para is about 1,600 miles, roughly speaking, and if Lloyds' report is correct the Oregon and her consorts have been steaming very slowly. Other reports have placed the Oregon at Barbadoes, and even nearer still to the United States.]

KEY WEST, FLA., May 23.—The battleship Oregon has not arrived here.

RECORD OF THE CLUBS.

Games Played by the National League Yesterday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Cleveland—Cleveland, 4; Washington, 3.

Pittsburg—Pittsburg, 3; Philadelphia, 1.

Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 2; Brooklyn, 7.

Louisville—Louisville, 4; New York, 12.

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TALK AT THE DEPARTMENTS.

Spain's Threat to Resort to Privateering. Naval Enlistment—The French Government—Coast Signalling—The Blockade Not Ineffectual.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—It was stated at the Navy Department to-day at the close of office hours that no dispatches of any kind relating to the movement of the fleets or the prospect of an engagement had been received during the day and that the only dispatch received related to an inconsequential prize case. As the ships are now at sea there is no expectation of reports until a decisive engagement occurs and a dispatch boat goes to a port, or it is found Cervera has eluded our search. In the meantime, there is no compact of official date by which to forecast the coming engagement. A report was current during the day that the big battleship Oregon had arrived at Key West, but the department officials would notice it only by entertaining a general denial that word had been received of any important vessel movements or arrivals.

Late in the day Associated Press dispatches from Madrid, giving the sharp debate in the Cortes over the alleged flying of the Spanish flag by American warships, created much comment in naval circles. Spain's protest to the powers that this use of the flag was "cowardly and iniquitous" was dismissed by naval officers with the statement that international law writers agreed on the right to use an enemy's flag for the purposes of deceit as long as the flag is hauled down before a shot is fired. The United States naval regulations make specific provision on this point.

Privateering.

The statement made by the Spanish Minister of Interior that the government is likely to resort to privateering does not cause any apprehensions among officials here. Is is felt that Great Beitian, Germany and France will have considerable to say in case Spain resorts to privateering. The commerce with these countries with the United States would suffer very severely by Spanish privateering, and its effect would be far more disastrous to these foreign interests than to the shipping of the United States.

Commander Hemphill, who has charge of the naval enlistment, has made out a table showing that the recent recruiting of the navy has swelled that branch of the service, 6729. The following are some of the States from which recruits have been secured: Virginia, 255; North Carolina, 95; South Carolina, 115, Georgia, 17; Florida, 113.

The French Government

has taken opportunity to pay a graceful compliment to this country, by informing the French embassy that an artist has been instructed to make a copy of the famous picture, "The Battle of Yorktown," which is one of the priceless treasures of the French national gallery at Versailles, to be sent to the embassy at Washington. The picture shows the notable incident in American history when the British commander, Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General Washington.

The announcement by way of Paris that the Italian government had protested against the continuance of the blockade of the Cuban coast, on the ground that it was ineffective, met a prompt denial at the State Department, and it can be stated definitely that neither in Washington nor in Rome has any representations on this subject been addressed to the United States government.

As to the allegation that the blockade is ineffective it is said that on the contrary it has been irregularly successful and that so far as known not a single ship subject to detention has passed the lines without the consent of our government. The Montserrat, it is true, did enter Cienfuegos harbor before our blockading ships had time to get around the south side of Cuba and establish the blockade and she did manage to get out at night. But she is a Spanish ship and Spain is perhaps the only nation in the world that has lost the power to enter a protest against a blockade, being a combatent herself. It is only for neutral powers to enter such protests and none of them has as yet the slightest pretext for such action.

With the beginning of the present week all Spanish vessels in United States ports, which sailed after the outbreak of war, are subject to seizure as well as all Spanish merchantmen found on the high seas, save where they left port for the United States before April 21st last. The President's proclamation of war allowed such ships lying in our ports or bound for them thirty days in which to discharge cargo and also ensured them safe passage home. That period of time expired Saturday night. This it is expected will tend to free the State Department from complications.

Coast Signalling.

Under the energetic management of Captain Bartlett, who was recalled from the retired list into the active service of the Navy Department for the purpose, there has just been perfected a most admirable and thorough system of coast signalling for war purposes.

The Navy Department itself established thirty stations on the coast manned by naval militiamen. Then it called into service 1,060 light-house employes and 1,000 life-saving men, making a total force of over 3,000 men who patrol the great shore line from Bar Harbor to Galveston, night and day, and in all weathers, watching for the approach of an enemy or for a signal from any passing United States warship. It has been arranged that all of these watches can communicate in the course of a few minutes with a telegraph or telephone line, and all centres in the office of Captain Bartlett in the Navy Department, who is thus prepared to give the war board instant notice of any significant ship movements on the coast.

It is said at the Navy Department that it will be at least five days before the Monterey can be started on her long journey from San Francisco for Manila, the delay being on account of the preparations that must be made for the very exceptional service required of the vessel.

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It Will Manœuvre in the Cadiz Waters Until Its Destination is Decided Upon.

GIBRALTAR FORTIFICATIONS.

Protests Against American Warships Displaying the Spanish Flag—Government Deliberating upon a Decree Authorizing Privateering.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, May 23, 9 A. M.—According to current report here, the Spanish reserve fleet will manœuvre in Cadiz waters until the destination is decided upon.

It is reported that the Spanish authorities propose to fortify the "Queen of Spain's chair," on the summit of a mountain overlooking Gibraltar, and that they also intend to erect fortifications upon Europa Point, at the eastern entrance of Algeciras bay and Gibraltar.

A dispatch received here from Havana says the colonial government "has declared that the importations of food into all ports of Cuba are to be free."

3 P. M.—In the Senate to-day Count Almenas vehemently protested against the alleged action of some American warships in displaying the Spanish flag in order to deceive the garrison of Guantanamo, as announced on Saturday last in a dispatch from Captain-General Blanco, who added that the American ships were "immediately recognized and repulsed." The Count asked if the government had notified the powers of this incident.

The Minister of the Interior, Senor Capdepon, replied that he had notified the powers and described this reported action as "cowardly and iniquitous."

Count Almenas then said that "in view of America's manner of making war, Spain must immediately decree privateering in order to utterly destroy American shipping." To this the Minister of the Interior replied that the government had deliberated upon the matter "and had even taken certain decisions, which would shortly be known."

Count Guendulain said the Americans' "act of piracy was admitted by certain theorists as international law."

Senor Martinez Pacheco remarked that it was doubtful whether such an act was legal. "But," he added, "in face of the American's conduct in the war with Spain we must not show consideration for them." Continuing, the speaker protested against Spain's adherence to the Geneva convention, whereupon the minister of the interior replied that Spain had not yet entered the convention.

Senor Conde, professor of international law at the Madrid University, warmly denounced what he was pleased to term "the base proceedings" of the United States, declaring that if Washington authorized such acts, "it did not deserve the name of a civilized government."

The professor then proceeded to unfold a lengthy indictment of the alleged war methods of the Americans, insisting that they have shown "no respect for the right of peoples in the capture of merchantmen and bombardments, reiterating that the acts of the United States are not those of a civilized country."

The grand cordon of Naval Merit has been conferred upon Captain Deschamps, of the Spanish steamer Montserrat, which recently arrived at Corunna from Cienfuegos. The Queen Regent personally presented the captain with the insignia.

Important News from Cuba.

MADRID, May 23, Midnight.—The belief is prevalent in all circles and in all sections of the press that the government is in possession of important news from Cuba. Its character has not been made public.

The report that Great Britain had sent a note to Spain asking an explanation of the concentration of troops in the neighborhood of Gibraltar, is officially denied.

Troops from Cadiz.

LONDON, May 24.—A dispatch to the *Daily Chronicle* from Barcelona, dated Sunday, says: "A steamer took 1,000 soldiers from Cadiz yesterday (Saturday) for the Canaries or the Philippines, and there are two trans-Atlantic liners now in port here."

BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED.

Taken Into Key West and Subsequently Released by Order of Commodore Remey.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., May 23.—The British steamer Ardanmhor, Captain Dana, came into port this morning in charge of an ensign from the auxiliary gunboat Osceola, by which vessel the Ardanmhor was seized yesterday off Carys Fort Light, because she was acting in a suspicious manner and was supposed to be trying to enter Havana harbor.

The steamer was released this afternoon by order of Commodore Remey, There is a good deal of mystery as to why she was seized, as Carys Fort Light, where she was overhauled by the Osceola, is off the Florada coast and more than one hundred miles north of here.

Upon the arrival of the Ardanmhor at Key West, Captain Dana made a formal protest to the British consul here, Mr. Taylor, who laid the case before Commodore Remey with the result stated above. It is thought the affair is now closed. The Ardanmhor left New York on May 17th for Tampico, Mexico, via Nassau, with a cargo of general merchandise.

IMMUNE REGIMENTS.

Arrangements Made for Securing Recruits for Organization.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Capt. J. S. Pettit, First infantry, and Lieutenant H. H. Sargeant, Second cavalry, who were recently appointed colonels of independent regiments of volunteers to be composed of men immune from contagious and infectious diseases, are now making arrangements for the organization of their regiments. Capt. Pettit will recruit his regiment from residents of the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina, and Lieutenant Sargeant will secure his in Alabama and Mississippi.

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ACCIDENT TO THE SOLDIERS' TRAIN.

One of the North Carolina Volunteers Killed and Another Badly Hurt.

IN A HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Private William Barbee of Company I Crushed to Death and Private J. M. Colclough of the Same Company Seriously Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., May 23.—Private William Barbee, of Company I, First regiment, North Carolina volunteers, was killed and private J. M. Colclough, of the same company, seriously injured in a head-on collision of the military train with a special freight train on the Florida Central and Peninsula Railroad early this morning. The collision occurred near Burroughs, Ga., eleven miles from Savannah. The military train was section four of regular passenger train No. 37, from Columbia to Jacksonville. On it was the Third battalion, Major Butler commanding, comprised of companies from Durham, Raleigh, Concord and Charlotte. Three sections of the train had passed the siding on which the freight train awaited them. Engineer Nix, of the freight, claims that the third section displayed no signals indicating that another section was coming and he drew out on the main track, the collision coming within twenty minutes.

Engineer Carran, of the fourth section of the military train, saw the freight in time to bring his train to a standstill before the collision. Company I occupied the front passenger coach in the rear of three box cars containing equipments. Ample warning was given for most of the men to escape through doors and windows. Barbee and Colclough were caught on the front platform between a box car and the coaches. Barbee was crushed to death, and Colclough was badly mangled about the shoulders. Several other privates were slightly bruised or cut.

The comrades of the two men were intensely excited over their fate and violence to the engineer and conductor of the freight train was feared. Barbee's body was sent on to his home at Durham this afternoon accompanied by an escort. Colclough was also sent home in care of a physician.

The engineer and conductor of the third section claim that their signals were correct and place the responsibility on the freight crew. The railroad officials and coroner have begun an investigation.

M. E. CHURCH CONFERENCE.

Rev. Sam Jones Offers a Motion to Hang All Local Preachers Under Suspicion of Immorality.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, MD., May 23.—The somewhat delicate question of salaries was the chief interest at the Methodist Episcopal General Conference, South, this morning. The publishing interests committee recommended that those editors and agents connected with the publishing house receive a salary of $3,000, instead of $2,500, hitherto paid them.

The Conference voted to keep the salaries at $2,500, and then Dr. Hoss, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, made a statement, saying that he had to work between 10 P. M. and 3 A. M. at matters other than his paper in order to supplement the salary the church was paying him. Dr. J. J. Tigert, secretary of the Conference, made a similar statement. It was then decided to reconsider, and the salaries were placed at $3,000.

The Conference had a long discussion over minor changes in the form and method of trial for local preachers accused of immorality. In the midst of motions to table, substitutes, etc., Rev. Sam. Jones advanced to the platform and offered a substitute. "Mr. President," said he, "as a local preacher, I have a substitute to offer in this matter. I move to hang all the local preachers under suspicion."

Bishop Candler (pounding his gavel vigorously)—Brother Jones is out of order.

It was voted to open the next General Conference on the first Wednesday in May, 1902. The place will be selected by a committee in a couple of years.

The committee of entertainment for the next conference was appointed as follows: Rev. A. G. Brown, of Virginia; Rev. T. M. Finnie, of Missouri; H. Y. McCord, of Georgia; B. M. Burgher, of Texas, Robert Magruder, of Baltimore.

The lively discussion on the subject of evangelists which was held on Sunday, had an echo this morning when Rev. Julius E. Wright, of Harrodsburg, Ky., and a few others, entered a protest to the action of the Conference in deciding that evangelists could not hold meetings in charges without the consent of pastors. The protest was received and Rev. Dr. Collins Denny, Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss and Rev. W. L. Nelms, were appointed to reply to it.

Adjourned Sine Die.

The thirteenth quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, adjourned at a late hour to-night. Three sessions were held during the day in order to clear the calendar of the more important business.

A resolution appropriating $50,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary for the establishment of a publishing house in Shanghai, China, was adopted after considerable debate under the five minute rule.

A gold watch and a silver tea service were given former Bishop Keener by members of the Conference as tokens of their love and esteem.

Much time was devoted to the discussion of projects for the support of connectional universities and colleges. In referring to universities not connected with the Church. Dr. D. C. Kelly, scored Harvard, Yale, Cornell and Princeton. A proposition to raise $150,000 for Vanderbilt college in 1900 was finally agreed to.

NOT YET CONFIRMED.

Nomination of C. P. Anthony as Postmaster at Scotland Neck.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Senate spent more than an hour in executive session to-day and made an effort to confirm the nomination of Collin P. Anthony as postmaster at Scotland Neck, N. C. Anthony is a colored man and he was opposed on the ground that he is a saloon-keeper. Senators Pritchard and Wolcott defended him. An aye and noe vote developed the lack of a quorum, and the Senate adjourned without action. The vote taken showed a small majority against Anthony.

Joseph F. Doyle was confirmed as postmaster at Savannah, Ga.

WAITING ON NEWS FROM THE FLEETS.

Everything Ready at Tampa for the Invasion of the Island of Cuba.

TWENTY-ONE TRANSPORTS.

Fitted for Embarkation of Troops—Will Easily Accommodate 15,000 Men—A Suspected Spy—Red Cross Ship Arrives.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TAMPA, FLA., May 23.—The Red Cross ship State of Texas, with Miss Clara Barton, representative of the National Red Cross Society of America, and a corps of surgeons and trained nurses, arrived at Port Tampa from Key West to-day. The vessel, which is fully fitted up for special purposes and carries supplies enough for the equipment of several Red Cross stations, will, it is said, follow the fleet of troops into Cuban waters.

In speaking of the Red Cross work in Cuba, Miss Barton said to-day that she had received assurances from the highest Spanish official sources that the hospital at Serro and her headquarters were being carefully guarded, and that the Red Cross supplies left there were being put to their intended uses.

J. Castellanos, a young man who arrived from Key West about three weeks ago and who is registered at the Palmetto hotel as from New York, was arrested to-day by order of General Shafter as a suspected spy. He was plentifully supplied with money. Castellanos wrote as many as one hundred letters a day and this, together with the discovery that he was travelling under an assumed name resulted in his arrest to-day. The case will be thoroughly investigated.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the banquet to be held at the Tampa Bay hotel to-morrow in honor of Queen Victoria's birthday.

Everything waits on news from the fleets. When the long looked for meeting between Admirals Sampson and Cervera takes place (and military officers do not for a moment question the result) it is the general belief that orders will be given to put the army on board the transports at once. Should the original plan be carried out of sending only regular troops on the first expedition, the fleet of transports at Port Tampa is amply sufficient for that purpose.

With the arrival to-day of the Iroquois, Santiago and Cherokee, twenty-one transports are now at the port, and every one fitted ready for embarkation. These ships will easily accommodate between 15,000 and 16,000 men, somewhat over the total number of regular troops in camp here. It is thought thirty-six hours after orders are issued to embark every man, horse and pound of supplies can be placed on board the vessels in waiting.

The first provisional brigade of volunteers has been formed. It consists of the Thirty-second Michigan, Third and Fifth Ohio and Second Georgia regiments, with Brigadier General Hawkins, formerly Colonel of the Twentieth U. S. Infantry, in command.

All of these regiments are in camp at Palmetto Beach.

A Terrific Explosion,

KEY WEST, FLA., May 23.—The officers of one of the United States cruisers, which arrived here to-day, say that while off Cape San Antonio (the western extremity of Cuba) yesterday afternoon a terrific explosion was heard from the direction of the shore, but apparently many miles away. There was an upheaval of water all about the ship and the cruiser herself vibrated with the shock from stem to stern. Many are inclined to think that the phenomenon was an earthquake. There are no batteries near enough to Cape San Antonio to account for a detonation of such volume, and it is thought that if any naval disaster had occurred news of it would have reached here.

Lawful Prizes.

Judge Locke, in the United States District Court to-day, heard arguments in three of the most important cases, those of the Buena Ventura, Miguel Jover and Catalina. A number of counsel appeared and it was contended, on an extended citation of authorities, that all three vessels should be condemned as lawful prizes. Arguments against this contention were made by an array of counsel representing the various interests, including the owners of the vessels and their cargoes. Judge Locke reserved his decision.

Another Prize Captured.

ST. THOMAS, DANISH WEST INDIES, May 23.—The British steamer Aldeborough, Captain Farrant, which arrived at Porto Rico on May 6th, from Mothil, Scotland, reached this port from San Juan de Porto Rico yesterday morning. She reports that an American cruiser captured a Spanish barque six miles north of San Juan on Saturday morning last. The capture of the vessel was observed from San Juan. The prize was towed north.

The Spanish cruiser Isabel II, while at San Juan de Porto Rico, fired on the British steamer Roath, from Barry, on April 22d, which was loaded with coal, with the intention of crippling her and thereby preventing her departure. The officers of the Isabel II, however, claim the firing was the result of an accident.

Mr. Freeman Halsted, the newspaper correspondent, who has been sentenced to nine years' imprisonment for taking photographs of the fortifications of San Juan de Porto Rico, has been conveyed to a convict camp to undergo his sentence.

Cubans Fighting.

NEW YORK, May 23.—A Key West special says: The Cubans are fighting their way to the coast where they will join with our forces of invasion.

Three hundred Cubans engaged a squad of Spanish cavalry on Thursday, fifteen miles west of Matanzas. The battle was fiercely waged in sight of the ships on the blockade station. The firing continued after dark and Friday morning the Spanish cavalry, which had been reinforced during the night by a battalion of infantry, were seen retreating along the beach in the direction of Havana.

Heavy Firing Heard.

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PORT AU PRINCE, HAYTI, May 23.—The following dispatch has been received here from Port de Prix, dated Saturday last, all telegraph communication having been interrupted up to to-day:

"A furious cannonading was heard on the 19th (Thursday last) in the direction of the north of Cuba. To-day, Saturday, the cannonading continues in a very lively fashion."

[Port de Prix is in the northwestern part of Hayti, and the firing referred to may have been from any part of the eastern extremity of Cuba. As the Spaniards claim Guantanamo was recently bombarded by American warships, the sound of firing may have come from that direction.]

EXPEDITION TO MANILA.

Preparations Almost Completed—Troop Ships Will Probably Sail To-day—The Monterey Not Ready.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—The work of coaling and provisioning the United States monitor Monterey is progressing rapidly and when this has been completed the vessel will go to Mare island to take on ammunition and undergo a thorough examination before she puts to sea. It is very probable she will go to Honolulu, there to take on another supply of coal. From Honolulu she will steam as far as possible, when she will be either taken in tow by a collier, which is to accompany her, or refill her bunkers from the collier at sea. It is generally understood that she will make fast time between here and Honolulu to catch the transports which leave this port before her.

The preparations for the first expedition to Manila are almost complete. The City of Pekin, which will probably sail to-morrow, will carry 59 officers and 1,044 men, the City of Sydney 24 officers and 670 men; the Australia, 37 officers and 676 men.

The troops assigned to depart on the Australia and the City of Sydney have been ordered to report at the docks of their respective vessels to-morrow morning. The organization of the second expedition to the Philippines will not be determined until after the arrival of General Wesley Merritt, who is in command of the whole expedition and who will reach this city at the end of the week.

THE PRIZE RING.

Jack Daly Awarded a Decision in a Bout with Kid McPartland.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Jack Daly, of Wilmington, got a decision over Kid McPartland, of this city, after having fought fourteen and a half rounds in the Lenox Athletic Club to-night. This was unlooked for, but McPartland had only himself to blame, as he lost his temper, and after being cautioned half a dozen times struck his opponent in a clinch. The bout was a rattling good one while it lasted, but from the eighth round it was very evident that Daly would get the better of McPartland, as the latter lost control of his temper. Daly's leg was injured in the last couple of seconds of the bout, as it was bent under his body when Charlie White fell on top of him in his efforts to make McPartland break away.

HANGED BY A MOB.

Railroad Brakeman Lynched at Rives, Tennessee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PADUCAH, KY., May 23.—Joe Mitchell, colored, an Illinois Central railroad brakeman, who lives here, was hanged by a mob at Rives, Tenn., late last night. The night before Mitchell had shoved a white boy tramp off a moving train at Rives, the boy fell on the track, having his legs cut off at the knees. He lived long enough to tell that Mitchell was his assailant. The murderer was arrested and while being held at the depot to be taken to jail at Union City, Tenn., a crowd gathered and, securing him, hung him in ten minutes.

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

The First North Carolina Regiment Arrived and Went into Camp.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 23.—The Second Illinois and First Wisconsin regiments of volunteer troops arrived here late Sunday night and went into camp to-day, together with the First North Carolina regiment. The men are all pleased with the location of the camp, and every arrangement has been made for their comfort.

WARM WIRELETS.

No warships were seen in the neighborhood of Mole St. Nicholas, or elsewhere by the Haytien gunboat Crete A Pirot, which arrived yesterday at Kingston, Ja.

The United States Supreme Court has decided convictions under the oleomargarine laws of Pennsylvania and New Hampshire to be invalid, thus holding the laws unconstitutional.

Adjutant General Corbin announces that advices received by him from the State camp last night indicated that 107,761 volunteers had been mustered into the service of the United States.

Late this afternoon, Colonel Baker, of the Second Virginia Regiment, received orders from the War Department to proceed immediately with his command to Tampa.

The Rome correspondent of the London *Chronicle* says he learns that the Vatican's declaration of neutrality was due to a notification from Washington that no manifestations of sympathy with Spain would be tolerated.

The steamer Fenita is loading ammunition at Mobile for a Cuban expedition. Brigadier General Rafael Rodriguez, who was a leading figure in the ten years' war, is superintending the loading of several carloads of ammunition and 15,000 rifles and stores.

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Two Descriptions.

A Florida editor, describing a tragedy in that state, says:

"Like an assassin in the dark, with stealthy, silent tread, tiptoeing, he approached the bedside where beauty slept in sweet innocence. Poising himself above the silent, peaceful form, he grinned in devilish glee; then, closing his eyes and gritting his teeth, the keen bladed knife was thrust into the warm, kind breast. Not a word was uttered. He went as he had come—silently, stealthily. The deed was done."

Compare the above agony with the brief, breezy description of a Georgia editor, writing on a similar subject

"Like a snake he crope through the window, set his foot on the floor, stood over the bed where Uncle Billy was a-lyin, reached for his pants and took out $16—all the money Uncle Billy had in the world—then croped back to the window, swung himself out and slid right into the arms of the high sheriff of the county."—Atlanta Constitution.

A Living Proof.

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Assessor (frightened)—So I perceive.—Fliegende Blatter.

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Small figured heavy Pique only 12½c.
English Nainsook and Long Cloth at $1.50 a piece.
72 inch Fine White Organdies 40 to 75c a yard.
Full assortment of narrow Black Velvet Ribbon.
Irish Point Scarfs and Center Pieces at 59c.
A 26 inch Gloria Silk Umbrella or Parasol at $1.00.
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Overdrafts	57 27	Surplus	$60,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	40,100 00	Undivided profits	18,597 06—78,597 06
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Circulation	36,000 00
Due from other Banks	$173,132 12	Total Deposits	622,053 04
Cash on hand	104,318 42—277,450 54		
Total	$861,630 10	Total	$816,630 10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	May 5, '98.	May 5, '97.	May 5, '96.
Total Deposits	$545,000	$556,000	$622,000
Surplus and Net Profits	87,600	68,700	78,500
Bills Payable and Re discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

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There has been no change in the situation at St. Pierre, Martinique. The hospital ship Alicante lies at her new moorings, and the departure of the torpedo-boat destroyer Terror is still deferred.

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Wanted—Everybody to try our Bartholomay Beer on Draught drawn by the latest and improved method. Free lunch from 11 A. M. until 1 P. M. Globe Saloon, No. 22 Market street. ap 27 tf

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A SEVERE STORM.

Buildings Struck by Lightning and Two Persons Killed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, May 23.—Details are coming in of a terrific storm that swept over Albemarle county Saturday night. The down-pour of rain was unprecedented. The lightning was terrific. Near Charlottesville a cabin was struck by lightning and two persons were killed and several barns fired. At Scottsville, several frame houses were washed away. In sections of the county hail stones as big as partridge eggs fell, and ruined growing crops. Parts of Buckingham county also suffered severely from the hail. At points the rainfall was in the nature of a cloud burst.

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